

The California
Department of
Social Services
Refugee Programs Branch

Mission

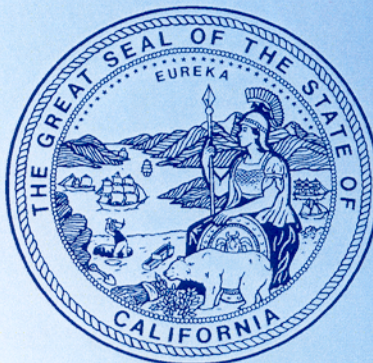
is to provide state-level
leadership and coordination
of refugee programs
and
services
to achieve successful
refugee resettlement
and
self-sufficiency.



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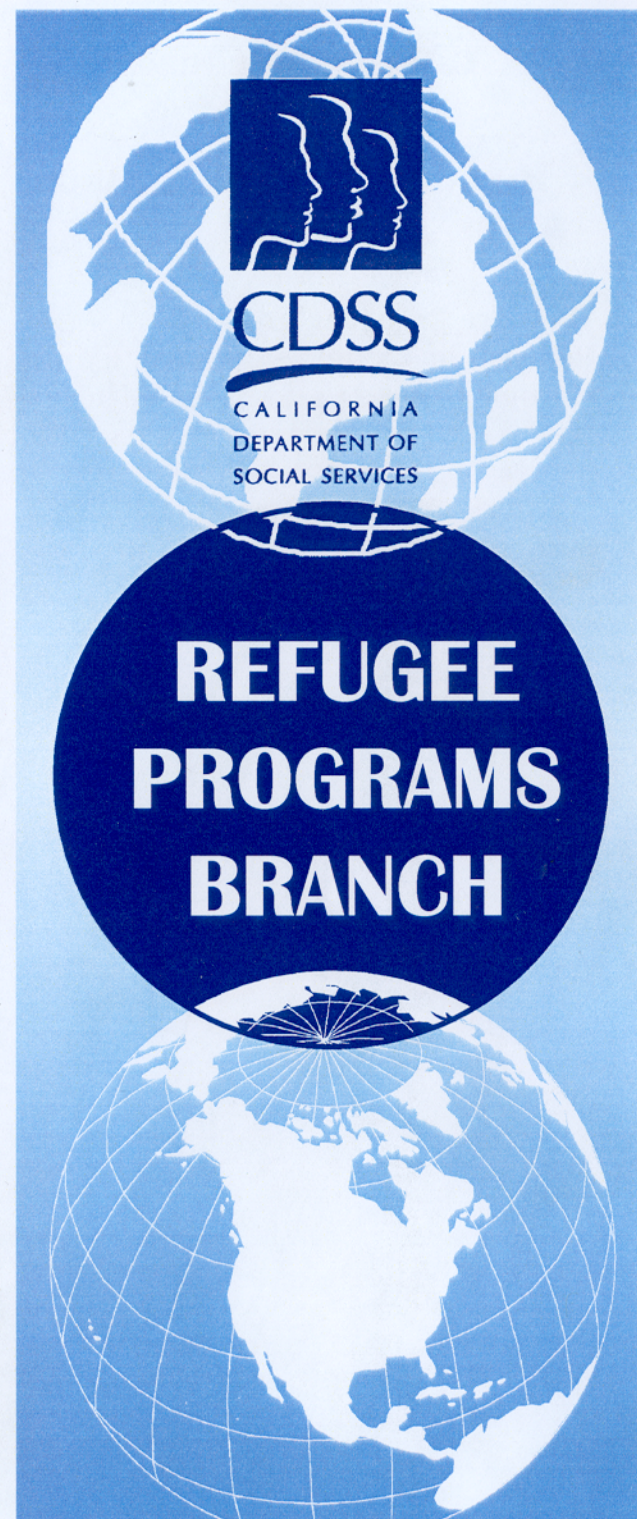
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Who are Refugees?

Refugees are people who have fled their country to seek a safe haven. They have a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. California is home to one million refugees.

What is the RPB?

The RPB works in partnership with many government, private, and community-based organizations such as voluntary agencies and mutual assistance associations at the federal, state, and local levels.

The RPB is responsible for the following activities:

- Develops the California Refugee Program State Plan;
- Certifies county refugee employment social services plans and provides counties with technical assistance;
- Allocates federal refugee monies to designated refugee-impacted counties;
- Develops and disseminates refugee program policy, guidelines, and regulations;
- Reports on program performance and costs;
- Responds to requests for information regarding California's refugee programs; and
- Provides administrative support for the State Refugee Advisory Committee.



Pictures courtesy of the "United Nations
High Commissioner for Refugees."



RPB Partnerships

County partners provide many refugee employment and social services. The service delivery system is designed to help refugees obtain employment and become self-sufficient as quickly as possible. These services include:

- ✓ Vocational English as a Second Language classes;
- ✓ Vocational training courses;
- ✓ Employment services such as resume writing, interviewing techniques, and assistance in job search;
- ✓ Job preparation;
- ✓ On-the-Job training programs;
- ✓ Other social services such as child care, assistance with transportation, and food stamps.

QUESTIONS?

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